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## Column One
### BY David Courtney

THE Soviet has been "polite" about President Eisenhower's atomic energy proposals: those who sit between the Russian and American stockpiles will take some comfort from this. Courtesy is no defence against atomic destruction, but it is at least a sign of caution. It keeps the flints of ill-humour from striking sparks against the abominable fuse. The very least the Soviet can do is to give President Eisenhower's proposal "careful consideration." The trouble is to know precisely what those proposals are: they left the question of atomic armaments more or less in the air, and on the ground, to be dealt with at some future time after the question of atomic energy for peaceful ends had been put into the lap of an international agency answerable to U.N. Even that, of course, is better than nothing: a good deal better than nothing it would be if the Powers in possession of fissionable material and the scientists and equipment and money needed to do something with it, were to begin a co-operative effort as big as their several efforts to make atomic armaments, for the purpose of bringing cheap atomic power to the world's industry, agriculture and transport.

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THEN, perhaps, there would be no need of bombs. Prosperous countries have no need of war. They can afford to be enlightened and therefore can get along without revolution. The international distribution of atomic power might do away with "backward" countries and so with the temptation of the advanced nations to exploit backwardness for political ends. It sounds like the millennium and so far there has been no encouragement of any kind to consider that atomic energy held possibilities of the millennium. There has been every encouragement to think the reverse, and to fear that the atomic scientists, instead of building a new, firmer and more richly resourceful foundation for human life had merely provided the means for knocking the bottom out of humanity's fragile existence.

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IT may be just as well that President Eisenhower's plan has not been formulated in any detail. As it stands, the other Powers, and particularly Soviet Russia, can read into it what they choose: something good, for example, for themselves and everyone; or at least the chance to put forward something good for themselves and everyone. There is no reason to suppose that the Russians have not made the atomic progress they claim; or that, having done so, they are not in a position to meet the United States as an equal and to influence, equally with the West, the shape of an international atomic agreement. The difficulty is what to do about the infernal stockpiles of A and H bombs already in existence. Should they be made harmless now or their fate be left to the outcome of a conference on Mr. Eisenhower's proposals?

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TODAY, for example, the Foreign and Defence Ministers and Chiefs of Staff of the NATO countries will meet at the Palais de Chaillot to discuss many things, including the substitution of atomic weapons in the NATO system in the place of older types of armament and even in the place of manpower. Whatever it may be in place of, the atomic weapon will almost certainly be adopted by the NATO armies: logically that means it will also find its way into the European Defence Community, or into whatever may come instead of E.D.C. And by one of these routes atomic armaments will get into the hands of the Germans. It is not difficult to guess how the Russians will feel about that and how such a western defence policy at this moment, if persisted in, would set up doubt in Russian minds about the usefulness of what would be inevitably a long-drawn-out conference on the international use of atomic energy.

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NO matter. President Eisenhower's proposals and Moscow's "politeness" indicate that the two great atomic Powers have realised the degree of self-destruction that lies in the possession of the awful authority of the atom. It was clear from the President's address that the people to whom he is answerable have lost whatever atomic arrogance they may once have felt and are conscious, instead, of atomic fear. Security of that kind carries too much uneasiness with it to become a trusted source of confidence. No nation in its senses can feel really secure as long as it or any other nation has the atomic or hydrogen bomb. And no Government in its senses can go on feeling itself secure in relation to its own people if, year after year, it concentrates more or less exclusively on the destructive character of a scientific discovery which could, if properly exploited, transform the world for good. If that simple truth has been brought home to the atomic Powers there may be hope for the world.

*Jerusalem, December 14.*

### ADVANCE INCOME TAX RAISED

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The quarterly advance payment of income tax which is due on December 10 has been increased to 37.5% of last year's assessment, instead of the usual 25% by an order issued by the Ministry of Finance today.

## Cabinet Decides Against Acting In CoL Dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government will not intervene in the dispute between the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association over renewal of the cost-of-living allowance agreement, the Cabinet decided at its weekly meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Acting Prime Minister Moshe Sharett was in the chair.

A Government spokesman said that should both sides to the dispute request the mediation of the Ministry of Labour, a mediator would be appointed.

The Economic Ministers' Committee had discussed the matter earlier but came to no decision, with the Ministers divided along Party lines.

The Manufacturers have refused to renew the quarterly agreement adjusting cost-of-living allowance to meet rises in the C-o-L index. They have demanded that the Government, rather than industry, bear the burden of increased wages, and urge that increased pay be related to increased productivity.

At today's meeting of the Economic Ministers' Committee, it is understood that the General Zionist members did not press the matter, bowing to the majority argument that, in principle, the Government should not intervene in labour disputes.

Mr. Sharett reported on the latest Security Council deliberations, *The Jerusalem Post* was told. He also spoke on the discussions held by the Finance Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, regarding the consolidation and funding of Israel's short-term debts. The possibilities of success in this were described by a spokesman as "good."

### To Ask Extension

The Government decided to ask the Knesset to extend the Bank Leumi's contract for issuing bank notes for a year. This is one of the proposed functions of the State Bank, which is scheduled to open soon. A spokesman explained that the Government may cancel its agreement with Bank Leumi at two months' notice, permitting the State Bank to take over, should this be desired.

Mr. Colin Gluckman was appointed State Attorney to fill the gap caused by the resignation of Mr. E. S. Shimron last March.

Mr. Gluckman, Assistant State Attorney since 1950, came to this country 15 years ago after practising law in Johannesburg for five years. He settled in Jerusalem where he resumed his law practice with his wife, the daughter of Mr. Justice Frumkin, of the Palestine Supreme Court.

During World War II he was a captain in the Jewish Brigade and was mentioned in several dispatches for service in Italy. He returned to practice here after the war, and served as a major during the War of Independence.

### Official Communique

*The official communique states:*

At its weekly session yesterday, the Cabinet decided to ask the Knesset to extend for another year the charter of the Bank Leumi with regard for the issue of bank notes.

The Cabinet decided to submit to the Knesset a Bill providing that legislation for the War Disabled and Soldiers' Families (Pensions and Rehabilitation) should also apply to policemen killed or injured while on duty.

The Cabinet dealt with the request of the Manufacturers' Association with regard to the Cost of Living allowance negotiations and decided not to intervene in the matter.

Mr. C. Gluckman was appointed State Attorney.

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## Treasury Demands Deposits of Marks

Deposits of additional types of foreign currency must be handed over to the Treasury by Israel residents, a Finance Ministry spokesman stated in Jerusalem yesterday.

German, Austrian, Italian, Turkish, Japanese, and Persian deposits are now included, with American, Canadian and British currency, according to recently published regulations. In the past, dealings in the former group of currencies were only subject to Treasury approval.

The regulations apparently aim at a more direct control, especially of West German and Austrian currency, available more readily to Israelis following various recent decisions regarding damages, pensions, and other awards decided upon by the Governments of those countries.

It was learned that the Government is considering linking the granting of exit permits to guarantees regarding the carrying out of these regulations, in order to plug all loopholes.

The rate for the mark is 426 pruta, for the sperrmark (blocked accounts) 300, and for 100 Austrian shillings (also blocked), IL.5.250.

### Soil Conservation In the Negev

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — About 100 local workers will start working this week on soil conservation projects at Sde Boker, Mashabim and Revivim. The work will last for three to four months.

The project calls for building several small dams to help provide water over wider areas, improving soils and replanting neglected grazing areas.

In Sde Boker, after the expected rains, about 1,000 dunams will be prepared for raising livestock next year.

## 'Good Sign' Found At Mazal One

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Signs of asphalt and gas have been found at "Mazal One," the first oil drilling site near Sdom, now being worked by a combined group of Oil Prospecting Ltd., (Solel Boneh and the Federman-Miami group), and Lapidot, Ampal and Mekorot in conjunction with Mr. M. A. Novomeysky's Jordan Prospecting Company, it was learned from a reliable source tonight.

While oil has not yet been found, Dr. W. Foehr, the Swiss geologist advising the drillers, is reported to have called this a "good sign."

It is not yet known at what depth these traces were found. Drilling is proceeding night and day.

## UJA Agencies to Get $120m. for 1954

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The United Jewish Appeal conference today voted $119,921,150 to its constituent agencies for 1954. Delegates pointed out that this sum represented far less than even the minimum needs of the constituent agencies, and called for a supreme effort by American Jews.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the conference that only when the Arabs realize that it is in vain that they wait for Israel's economic collapse, will they be willing to make peace. The moral and financial aid which world Jewry, American Jewry in particular, gave to Israel was therefore of utmost importance he said.

The conference adopted a resolution expressing its "warm affection and high esteem" for Mr. David Ben Gurion. "We take pride in Israel's magnificent achievements under his guidance, in providing new lives and new hopes for over 750,000 Jewish men, women and children since he began his service as Prime Minister. It is our hope that he may find renewed strength in the rest he has so richly earned."

In another resolution, the conference expressed its anxiety over the insufficient funds which have been collected in 1953.

## Peri Quits as Deputy Mayor; Attacks City's Administration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Vice-Mayor Eliezer Peri (Mapai) submitted his resignation to the Mayor at tonight's Council meeting with a statement containing a frontal attack on the Municipality's political affairs and services. Mr. Moshe Goldstein (Progressive) also attacked the Administration, and announced his withdrawal from the Coalition to a position of "constructive opposition."

Dr. S. Fichelef, one of the four Herut Councillors who had joined the coalition with the General Zionists, thereby causing the resignation of Mr. Peri and the withdrawal of the Progressive Party, informed the Mayor in writing that he would vote independently while remaining within his Party.

The Municipality needed a radical change in its administration, finances and the services it gave the population, Mr. Peri said. The situation is very "grave" and it is most doubtful whether the new coalition with Herut and the Religious Parties could solve it, he stated, speaking for his Party.

### 'Right-Wing' Victory

The coalition with Herut is a sign of the victory of the "rightwing" within the General Zionist Party, whose first deed was to raise the water rates, he said, adding that he was sorry that the Hapoel Hamizrahi Councillor had rejoined such a coalition.

The Municipal Coalition is based on a "give and take" principle, claimed Mr. M. Goldstein (Progressive). Herut and the General Zionists are won to use fancy words without doing anything, he charged. "If my constructive opposition is to no avail, I shall change it to fighting opposition," he announced.

Dr. Fichelef, in his letter to the Mayor, stated that he was sorry that differences of opinion had arisen between himself and his colleagues and that hereafter he would consider on its merits each matter brought before the Council.

Mr. P. Tubin (left Socialist) and Mr. Y. Zilber (Communist) called on the Mayor to resign and demanded immediate Municipal elections.

Mayor Haim Levanon listened patiently and permitted every one to have his say, though the subject was not on the agenda. He replied briefly that he hoped the opposition would be constructive.

### Not Anti-Labour

Allegations that the Municipality is anti-Labour are not true, the Mayor declared.

Mr. D. Yutan (Herut) revealed the contents of the agreement with the General Zionists and stated that it provides for the control by his Party of the Public Works and Health Departments, which would be under a Herut Deputy Mayor, yet to be elected.

Mr. A. Kamini (Mapai) whose demand for debate on the recent increase in water rates of between 60% and 100% was rejected, announced that Mapai is withdrawing from the Committee which deals with revisions in the business tax. It will oppose any relief in the tax and demand increases in it, he said. Mapai will turn to the Minister of Interior and request the annulment of the increase in the water rates, it is learned.

Mr. Levanon announced that relief jobs for unemployed had now stopped. There are empty houses, land to be redeemed and plenty of work elsewhere in the country he said, explaining that it is the Government's policy to attract unemployed persons to rural areas.

## Electricity Cuts In T.A. and South

Power breakdowns occurred in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv last evening when a cable from the Haifa Power Station to southern parts of the country was damaged, Palestine Electric Corporation officials explained. The cable was damaged near the Reading Power Station in Tel Aviv, they said.

Tel Aviv was hardest hit, with the power being interrupted in most parts of the city at various times between 5 and 9 p.m. In Jerusalem, the power failed in many districts during the early evening.

The electricity breakdown was severe as the 50,000 kw. generator in the Reading station was not operating at full capacity while undergoing periodic inspection and was generating only 36,000 kw. This was not enough to cope with the demand when the supply from Haifa failed.

The plant was put back into full service last night.

## Shinwell Sees Israel Menaced by Suez Shift

GLASGOW, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, former Labour Defence Minister, said here tonight that the evacuation of British forces from the Suez Canal Zone, far from reducing the danger to world peace in the Middle East, "may increase it."

He told the annual dinner of the Jewish Institute that the situation in the Middle East is as grave a danger to world peace as that in the Far East.

"Egyptian intentions regarding the Sudan are obvious. They seek to dominate that country. The next step may constitute a threat to the State of Israel," he added.

"Let there be no doubt about it. The Israelis if attacked will put up a stout defence."

"The (British) Government bears a heavy responsibility in this matter — its interests in the Middle East are of supreme importance — but the (Labour) opposition also has its responsibilities.

"I want to make the official position of the Labour Party clear to all concerned. Recent declarations contained in speeches and articles both at home and abroad may have conveyed the impression that the Labour Party favours the immediate evacuation of the Canal Zone." Mr. Aneurin Bevan, leader of the left wing of the Labour Party, wrote in "Al Comhouria," the Egyptian government newspaper: "We shall have to evacuate Egypt whether we like it or not."

Mr. Shinwell went on: "That it not so. The official policy has remained unchanged since the Labour Government was in office.

### Stand by Treaty

"We stand by the treaty which expires in 1956 unless it is renewed, revised or abandoned. It was our view when we were the Government — and so far as I know it remains the same — that negotiations would proceed with a view to the gradual withdrawal of our forces from the Canal Zone providing we obtain guarantees which safeguard international rights of passing through the Suez Canal and its protection against an aggressor.

"But above all, we are concerned to ensure peace in the Middle East and to render all the help we can to improve the economic, industrial and social conditions in that part of the world.

"I do not believe that the present Government means to surrender to Egyptian truculence, although from what we can discover it seems to be giving too much away.

"As to those people who have discovered hitherto unknown virtues in Egyptian policy and are demanding immediate evacuation — all that we can say is that they represent no one but themselves."

## Disarming of Suez Bases Said Proposed

The Foreign Ministry spokesman last night said that he had nothing to add to what Mr. Sharett had told foreign press representatives on Friday, when queried about reports published in the afternoon papers on the proposals made to Britain in relation to Israel's interests in the negotiations over Suez. The reports suggested that among the proposals was a request for the demilitarization of 17 airfields and a number of army camps which otherwise would fall to the military advantage of Egypt.

It will be recalled that in the negotiations between Britain and Egypt, one of the thorny points which cropped up was the question of the "reactivization" of such installations, in the event of developments in the Middle East making it necessary for Britain to re-enter Egypt to make use of the Suez Canal defence system. Obviously, provision for such reactivization would mean leaving these installations in a high state of preparedness, and it is difficult to visualize what sort of guarantees Britain could give to prevent Egypt using the airfields and other bases in the event of aggression against Israel.

A similar consideration would apply to the extensive radar installations constructed by the British, some of which have a detecting range reaching well into Israel's coastal plain. It has also to be noted that, with the withdrawal of the British from Egypt, the Gaza strip would enjoy uninterrupted and free land communication with Egypt — certainly a military advantage.

## Jordan Premier In Damascus for Talks

Dr. Fawzi Mulki, Jordan Premier and Defence Minister left Damascus last night after a meeting with President Adib Shishakly, the Arab News Agency reports.

He told reporters in Damascus that he and Shishakly had reached agreement on all major questions and that they had decided to demand an immediate meeting of the Arab League Political Committee to discuss "the tremendous American pressure on Jordan to enter into peace talks with Israel."

The talks are the second stage in Levant States discussions. Last week, Lebanon Premier Abdullah el Yaffi had a similar meeting with the Syrian President.

It is understood that the main items on the agenda in these consultations are the attitude of these three countries towards the Israel proposal regarding peace negotiations, and towards Mr. Eric Johnston's Jordan Valley Development Plan.

From Cairo, it is learned that the meeting of the Arab League has again been postponed—this time to January 15—at Egypt's request. The object of the conference is to adopt a united attitude towards the major problems facing the Arab world.

### Wafd Plot to Mine British Ship in Suez Revealed

The trial before the Revolution Tribunal of Sarag e-Din, former "strong man" of Egypt, Secretary General of the Wafd, and Minister of the Interior, entered its third day yesterday, Cairo Radio reports.

Among the chief witnesses was ex-Premier Nagib Hilali, who testified that if it had not been for the arrest of Sarag e-Din, Britain might have reoccupied all Egypt.

It was revealed for the first time that the Wafd had planned to plant mines in the Suez Canal to blow up a British ship, and thus block traffic in the Canal. This plot was frustrated by Sarag e-Din's arrest, the Tribunal was told.

### LEBANON TO TRIPLE ARMY STRENGTH

The Lebanese Government is preparing a defence budget for the new fiscal year which will enable it to triple the strength of the army to 15,000 men, ANA reports from Beirut.

The revenue is to come from much higher indirect taxes, especially on fuel and cigarettes.

## Marauders Steal Tobacco, Piping

BEERSHEBA, Sunday (ITIM) — Fifty kilograms of tobacco and 60 metres of water piping worth IL.850 were stolen by marauders from a Western Negev village on Friday night. Police followed the tracks of two men towards the border.

The following night, more piping and farm equipment were stolen from other villages in the neighbourhood. Tracks of eight men led towards the Jordan border. Clothing valued at IL.200 was stolen from a *ma'bara* near Migdal Ascalon by men whose barefoot tracks also led towards the border.

In the week ending December 11, there were five clashes between armed infiltrators and the security forces.

In these encounters, two infiltrators were killed and five captured.

### Nehru Again Hits US, Pakistan Military Pact

CALCUTTA, Sunday (UP). — Premier Jawaharlal Nehru said today that any military pact between America and Pakistan would make the isolation of South-East Asia impossible, and would have repercussions throughout the area.

Nehru said, however, that the U.S. and Pakistan are sovereign countries and free to make any decisions. He added that although Pakistan earlier had denied planning any alliance with America, "later her denials turned to half denials."

## Vietminh Repeats Peace Offer

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter) — The offer made by the Vietminh leader, Ho Chi Minh, on November 29 to negotiate with France on ending the war in Indo-China has been repeated by the Vietminh official information agency.

An agency article, quoted by the official Soviet news agency TASS, tonight said:

"Our army and our people are fighting resolutely for peace and independence. If the French Government really respects the independence of Vietnam and is ready to start negotiations with the People's Government of Vietnam (the Vietminh) to end this war, the people and government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam will be ready to accept the French proposal.

"The long struggle has proved that the forces of our people are invincible. Until it achieves unity and independence the people of Vietnam will be vigilant. It will wage a resolute struggle and will foil the military and political plans of its enemies."

In a statement to the Swedish newspaper "Expressen" last month, later confirmed by the Vietminh radio, Ho Chi Minh called for a cease-fire and direct truce talks with France.

The French Government's reaction was that any such offer must be made through official channels such as through a neutral power with diplomatic representation in Peking.

### BATTLE LOOMS

HANOI, Sunday (Reuter). — A stream of freight planes poured reinforcements into Dien Bien Phu, key point of the French defences in the Thai country of northern Indo-China, ready for the coming battle for this territory.

The defenders are confident and in high spirits, despite the approach of the Vietminh division, 12,000 strong, which has occupied Laichau, capital of Thai Federation.

Three minor clashes with vanguards of the advancing division yesterday were followed today by a lull over the entire territory. It is believed here that fighting may flare up this week.

### CROWDS DISTURB MISSION SERVICE

About 300 persons demonstrated outside the Hebrew Evangelization Society in Musrara, Jerusalem, last night.

The demonstrators arrived while a service was being conducted at the Mission. They threw stones and broke window panes. The Police dispersed them and arrested ten men. No one was hurt, and the 40 men who were in the Mission left under police escort.

A member of the Evangelization Society told *The Jerusalem Post* that the demonstrators had broken into the Mission. The Police said that although a few men had tried to enter the Mission, none had succeeded.

### SAPHIR REPORTS ON BUS DEMANDS

The Minister of Communications, Mr. J. Saphir, reported to the Economic Ministers' Committee in Jerusalem yesterday on his negotiations with the bus cooperatives on their claim for a 27% increase in bus fares, a spokesman announced.

The Committee empowered Mr. Saphir to continue negotiations and asked him to report back.

## Dean Says Talks Can Resume If 'Perfidy' Charge Retracted

SEOUL, Sunday. — Mr. Arthur Dean, American envoy to the preliminary talks on the Korean political conference which he broke off yesterday, said today that the U.N. is prepared to resume negotiations as soon as the Communists "expunge from the record" their charge of "perfidy" against America.

Meanwhile, the Korean and Chinese delegation to the talks have issued a communique declaring Mr. Dean's attitude yesterday expressed the American side's long premeditated scheme to wreck the discussions.

The communique added: "The American side is obviously making a futile attempt to blackmail the Korean and Chinese side and destroy the possibility of convening a political conference. In this way it also seeks to achieve its vicious aim of forcibly detaining more than 20,000 Korean and Chinese personnel who have not yet heard the explanations, and thus keep up international tension."

Mr. Dean added that the Communists had obviously come to yesterday's talks with a "prepared abusive statement." He broke off the talks when a Communists accused the U.S. of conniving with South Korea in the release of 27,000 Communist prisoners of war contrary to the provisions of the Armistice Agreement.

Meanwhile, the 22 American prisoners who have refused repatriation today brushed aside interviews with U.S. explainers until the 104 pro-Communist South Korean prisoners sharing their compound end their sit-down strike. They are striking because they claim that they had not been given sufficient time with the South Korean explainers urging them to come home.

The refusal of the U.S. PoW's has stunned American officers who were to interview them today. Their ultimatum, handed to their Indian guards, seriously jeopardized possibilities that U.S. officers will have a chance to coax them home before the December 23 deadline for explanations.

Indian guards arrested a North Korean anti-Communist prisoner today after the bodies of four murdered prisoners were tossed out of a prison compound. The guards saw the dead men thrown across the barbed wire barrier late last night. They made the arrest this morning "with the aid of those prisoners who were requesting repatriation."

*(Reuter, UP)*

## NATO to Cut '54 Arms Budget by $5,000m.

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Usually reliable sources said here tonight that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will cut its military expenditure in 1954 by $5,000m.

Total military expenditure for this year amounts to $70,000m. The proposal put forward by the NATO Secretariat for next year is $65,000m.

The Atlantic Council, Cabinet of the 14-nation Atlantic Pact, meets here tomorrow to consider future action arising from the belief that the risk of war with Russia has receded, and from the development of atomic weapons in land warfare.

Secretary General Lord Ismay's annual report, the first item on the agenda of the Atlantic Council meeting tomorrow, also states the shortcomings of member nations in fulfilling targets agreed upon in 1953. It is understood that in one respect or another every member figures in the list.

At the end of 1953, the report states, NATO has 40 front-line divisions at its disposal. This includes 15 Turkish and Greek divisions not included in the count made a year ago. The number of divisions furnished by the other NATO countries had not varied over the year.

For 1954, emphasis will be placed on strengthening the reserves in number and in quality and on increasing the air force. The 1954 aircraft target will, it is understood, be 6,000 planes as against 5,000 at present.

The NATO Council will also fix what is known as "prior" targets for 1955 which will show an increase on the 1954 figures. The "tentative" target for 1956 envisaged by NATO includes 12 German divisions in its estimates for the first time.

## Dulles and Adenauer Agree on Big 4 Talks

PARIS, Sunday. — U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today discussed with the West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Western tactics at the coming Berlin four-power conference. The meeting lasted 75 minutes.

Later, the Secretary of State refused to comment on the nature of the discussion, saying that it was purely private.

According to German diplomatic sources, the two statesmen agreed completely on all points of discussion. In addition to the Berlin meeting, topics included the Saar and the ratification of the European Defence Community agreement.

The U.S. High Commissioner, Dr. James Conant, and German Secretary of State Walter Hallstein were present at the meeting.

The Adenauer-Dulles talk was one of a series between leading statesmen gathered here on the eve of tomorrow's NATO conference. Both in the big meeting and in the side talks, the West will try to chart its course through the uncertainties of the year ahead.

Today's pre-conference schedule also saw British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden meet with Adenauer, and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault in discussion with Italian Premier Guiseppe Pella.

Dr. Adenauer saw M. Bidault last night, when, according to the German Chancellor, they registered "real headway" on the troublesome Saar question.

*(Reuter, UP)*

## WJC Executive Hails Berlin Meeting

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The European Executive of the World Jewish Congress meeting in London today unanimously adopted a resolution welcoming "the prospect that the four great world Powers will meet in January in Berlin to discuss the problems which so far have given rise to tension between the States and anxiety among the peoples of the world."

The resolution reaffirmed the appeal which the plenary assembly of the Congress at Geneva addressed last August to all statesmen and Governments to "exercise every effort and to use every opportunity to bring to an end the present situation of international tension with the burden of suffering and insecurity which it implies."

The European Executive of the Congress, "recalling the irreparable decimation of European Jewry at the hands of the German Third Reich," expressed its hope that the proposed conference will find means of reducing the international stresses incidental to rearmament.

### Syrian Students Clash With Police

Syrian Army and police forces in Damascus and Aleppo yesterday clashed for the third successive day with high school students demonstrating on the main streets, ANA reports.

The students were protesting a performance at the American College in Aleppo allegedly "disturbing the national feeling of Arabs."

Only about 80 of more than 400 striking teachers in the Lebanon have returned to their classrooms, despite the warning issued by the Government last week.

In Beirut yesterday, dozens of teachers who were transferred to a Ministry of Education disciplinary court, announced that they would go on a hunger strike.

### Talks May Ease Tension

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).—An article in the Soviet weekly journal "New Times" today said that world opinion regarded the coming Big Four meeting in Berlin as a step towards easing world tension, Moscow Radio reported.

The article described the decision taken by the three Western powers to accept the "Soviet invitation" to this meeting as "the only positive result of the Bermuda meeting." But it also said that the motives and plans of American diplomacy regarding the coming four-power conference "obviously have nothing in common with the official communique of the Bermuda meeting, which stated that no opportunity will be missed to ease world tension."

### COALITION TALKS MAKE PROGRESS

Progress on economic issues was reached at a meeting of a subcommittee on the Coalition Committee in Jerusalem last night, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

The members of the sub-committee, Mr. J. Saphir and Mr. J. Serlin (General Zionists), and Mr. M. Argov and Mr. A. Govrin (Mapai) met at the King David Hotel from 8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.

Their points of agreement are to be referred to the Coalition Committee. Mr. Saphir and Mr. Govrin today will continue discussions of outstanding economic issues.

The full Coalition Committee is to meet tomorrow.

At 3 p.m. today, Mapai negotiators are meeting a Mapam team at the Knesset. This evening they will meet Hapoel Hamizrahi M.K.'s.

### Morocco Sultan Banishes Khalifa for Disobedience

FEZ, Sunday (Reuter). — Mawlay Otham, 80-year-old Khalifa (representative of the Sultan of Morocco) at Fez, and his Vizier, Abdul Salam el Fassy, have been banished to two different towns in Morocco, it was announced here yesterday.

The announcement said that they had "not carried out an order from the Sultan," but did not specify what order.

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## Social & Personal

The Canadian Minister of Agriculture and Mrs. James G. Gardiner were the guests of the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphtali at a dinner at the Eden Hotel, Jerusalem last night, attended by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, the Minister of Commerce and Industry and Mrs. Bernstein, the Minister of Development and Mrs. Joseph, the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr Walter Eytan, Mr Sol Kanee of Winnipeg, Mr. D. Allen, and Mrs. A. H. Friedgut.

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Chief Rabbi Herzog received Professor Fleming Hvidberg, former Danish Minister of Education, at his home in Jerusalem on Saturday.

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Dr. Emil Gluck, Chairman of the Keren Hayesod and Youth Aliya in Sweden, was the guest of honour at a reception given in Jerusalem by the Keren Hayesod last week. Among those present were Dr. Y. Burg, Minister of Posts and Rabbi M. Nurock, M.K.

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Ludmilla Bertlova's only violin recital with her husband, Mr. Rafael Kubelik, at the piano, will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, December 15, at The Ohel-Shem Hall, Tel Aviv, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets available at the I.P.O Office, 56 Allenby Rd. Part of the receipts will be donated to the Charitable Fund of the Czechoslovakian Immigrant Association.

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**MUNWES** — To Mirjam (nee Lessem), wife of David Munwes, on December 11, 1953 at the Assuta Hospital, Tel Aviv — a daughter.

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## Where to go

### JERUSALEM

- **Libraries:** — American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-12; 3-6.
- **Archaeology:** — Permanent exhibition incl. maps & finds of the late Col.R.I.O. Guy excavations. Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Daily 9-1, 4-6.
- **Exhibitions:** — "Fifty Years of French Painting" (closing tomorrow). Also: "Dancer" bronze, by Edgar Degas. Modern French Graphics. Bezalel National Museum. 9-1, 3-5.
  Paintings by Ruth Schloss and Naftali Bezem. Artists' House. 10-1, 4-6.
- **Tour:** — Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta. 10 a.m.
- **Film Show:** — Keren Hayesod. 11.30-12.30.
- **Lectures:** — Shmuel Ya'ari on "The Development of the Oil Industry in The Middle East," auspices: Israel Oriental Society, Terra Sancta, Room No. 31, 8.30 p.m.
  Medico-Social Problems at the Convention of the International Social Security Association. Dr. Reuven Katznelson. Kupat Holim building. 7.45 p.m.

### TEL AVIV

- **Exhibition:** — Illustrated Manuscripts; sketches by Leopold Krakauer. Municipal Museum 10-2, 4-7.
- **Lecture:** — Prof. Ch. Bettelheim on "Planning of Investments," School of Law and Economics, Shevah School, Rehov Hamasger, 8.30 p.m.
- **Theatre:** — "Nasr-A-Din," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi. 9 p.m.
  "Caution, Road Under Repair," Li-La-Lo. Yascha Heifetz Hall. 8.30 p.m.
- **Entertainment:** — Concert Noga Cafe, 5 to 12 p.m. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

### HAIFA

- **Exhibition:** — Old Masters drawings and prints. Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Town Hall. 10-1, 4-8 (few days only).
  Oil paintings by [illegible] and ceramics by the painter Cahane — "Traklin" Art Gallery—4 Rehov [illegible], opp. Zion Hotel —10-1, 4-7.
- **Gramophone Recital:** Mozart's Requiem, L.P. records Pevsner House 8 p.m.

### RAMAT GAN

- **Theatre:** — "Countess Maritza," Do-Re-Mi, Operetta. Rama Hall 8.30 p.m.

### HERZLIA ON SEA

- **Entertainment:** — Dine and Dance at the Sharon Hotel.

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Ramat Gan: [illegible]

# Hospital Grants To Be Doubled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Health has decided to double its annual grant to hospitals in the coming fiscal year, with the aim of increasing the number of beds, relieving the present acute shortage. The forthcoming Health Ministry annual budget allocates IL.1,000 per hospital bed instead of the present IL.500, a spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The sum thus accruing to Kupat Holim amounts to IL.1m. and to Municipal hospitals, IL.500,000. How far the increase will achieve the result intended is problematic for the Ministry estimates that the daily upkeep of a bed averages IL.10,and the cost of its "construction", IL.4,000. The hospitals have been pressing for an increase in their subsidy on the grounds that expenses far outweigh the allowance.

"We will face a deficit unless the Ministry of Health continues to grant Hadassah its annual subsidy," said Dr. K.J. Mann, the Medical Director of Hadassah, which maintains ten per cent of the beds in the country. The Ministry of Health contends that since Hadassah now receives IL.1,300 to the dollar for its American contributions, the Government is entitled to withdraw its former aid, which amounted to IL.300,000 per annum.

Dr. Mann pointed out that although the exchange rate is more than the 800 pruta to the dollar in force until a few months ago, Hadassah Medical Organization still finds it hard to balance expanding services, rising costs, and income curtailed by the dollar-rate.

The special building fund for the Hadassah Medical Centre has reached $7.5m, Dr. Mann disclosed. Construction should start this spring, as soon as an approach-road has been laid by the Ministry of Labour. The Ministry has guaranteed to meet the cost of the highway from Ein Karem to the site, and work is due to begin this week. The blue-prints for the Medical Centre are due next month from the U.S. with his plans.

## Japanese Doctor Classes Atoms with Germs

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — A Japanese medical book published here today concludes that science is at present powerless to offer adequate treatment for diseases caused by the atom bomb explosions in Japan.

In the book written in English, Dr. Takashi of Keio university said that atom bombs should be treated as a biological weapon in the same class as germ bombs.

## John Hersey Gets Literary Distinction

NEW YORK, Sunday (UP). — Novelist John Hersey yesterday became the youngest member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, the nation's highest representative body of the arts.

The election of the 39-year-old Mr. Hersey to the Academy was announced along with those of Arthur Brown, Jr., the architect; E. E. Cummings, the poet; and Roger Sessions, the composer.

The Academy, whose membership is limited to 50, is made up of men whose works as creative artists are considered most likely to achieve a permanent place in American culture.

Mr. Hersey, who is Vice-President of the Authors' League of America, is the author of the Pulitzer prize-winning novel, "A Bell for Adano."

He was a war correspondent in Europe and the Pacific, and wrote "Hiroshima," the story of the first atom bombing; three war documentaries — "Men on Bataan," "Into the Valley," and "Fourteen of Them" and "The Wall," the story of the persecution of Polish Jews by the Nazis.

# Future of Milk Subsidy of Vital Importance to Public, Dairymen

By a Special Correspondent

Of all the questions raised recently on agricultural policy, none is more important to both the general public and dairy owners than the future of the milk subsidy.

The issue has been somewhat complicated lately by the proposal to raise exchange rates for imported fodder and to compensate farmers by an additional subsidy. But the issue should be viewed in its original form as it was presented at the last Tnuva conference.

There the alternative was squarely put before the Government: either to continue the present subsidy on milk of 49 pruta a litre and grant farmers additional concessions such as permissions to produce cream, or to save the Treasury about IL.3.5m. annually by abolishing controls on the dairy industry which would probably result in the price of milk jumping by at least 20%.

Only by one of these means, it was argued, could the farmer be assured of his present income of 204 pruta a litre. Without such a guarantee, no hope existed either of expanding dairy farming or even maintaining sustained output at the present level.

### A Clear Victory

It is reported that the farmers have won a clear victory: the consumer is to be protected, the milk produce is to get a guaranteed income and the cost is to be shouldered by the Treasury (the taxpayer) as hitherto.

Moreover, a partial decontrol will again permit the production of sweet cream and the sale of butter off ration. Under prevailing circumstances there was apparently no other way.

In a country bent on the speedy expansion of agricultural production and settlement, it is hardly possible to neglect the "rural lobby."

Ill-conceived efforts to force prices down by controlling costs and limiting profits, which resulted in the stagnation of local food production and the need to rely on imports at the expense of foreign currency, are still fresh in our memories.

At a time when increased food output may enable us to start saving on imported supplies, it would be really awkward to start a fight with farmers over a few million pounds of local currency.

But would subsidy and decontrol really help us save foreign currency?

### Positive Answer

Strangely enough, this question has not been asked and its answer would be positive. As a matter of fact, present output would suffice only to supply milk, without adding milk powder during the spring, a small quantity of milk powder would have to be added during off-season months. There would even be milk surplus in the spring which ought to be converted into other dairy products.

But it is this crucial point which the farmers' spokesmen stress: if the milk producer is to get his guaranteed income, it is imperative to find outlets for this surplus at prices which are at least equal to that obtained for milk.

Possible outlets are the production of cream, or, perhaps, hard cheeses, which would be sold on the free market, but not in competition with imported low-priced butter and milk powder.

In other words, dairy farming is placing its hopes for further expansion not on substituting for imported dairy products, but mainly on a rise in local consumption, especially of high-priced products. This viewpoint is diametrically opposed to the Government's call for austerity and a lower standard of living.

We need not dwell here on the controversy on whether dairy farming is a drain on our foreign currency account. Quite apart from this, the present trend in agricultural development obviously ought to be reconsidered and dovetailed with other economic requirements.

Press Review :

# Wages' Real Value To be Maintained

Commenting on the Histadrut Executive's recent wage policy decisions, "Davar" (Histadrut) explains that the aim is neither to freeze nor to increase wages but to preserve the worker's standard of living by maintaining the real value of wages. An increase which is not accompanied by a parallel rise in output would only promote inflation and cause a fall in the value of money. The paper stresses its demand for further training to improve workers' qualifications as the surest means of raising the standard of living in the long run. At the same time the paper points out that basic wages should be raised above IL.80 so that the C.o.L. allowance be a smaller part of the overall wage and the differences between grades would be increased. The paper thinks that the Manufacturers' Association's refusal to accept the Histadrut proposals about the C.o.L. payments will merely cause complications in our economic recovery. The demand that the Government should intervene is pointless and surprising.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), on the other hand, attacks the Histadrut executive's decision to continue the policy of freezing basic wages next year. This is a serious blow to the working class whose standards are dropping all the time; higher wages would not lead to inflation if the increase were to come about as the result of a reduction of capitalists' profits.

### Writers' Appeal

"Davar" publishes an appeal signed by some 30 writers and public figures of Mapam and Mapai calling for the concentration of pioneering forces in the Government.

Dealing with the Jordan River dispute, "Haboker" (General Zionist) regrets that the threats and sabre rattling of Arab diplomats (e.g. Dr. Charles Malik's recent speech) make a bigger impression on the State Department than other arguments, however logical and convincing; the Powers are sometimes ready to sacrifice the prestige of the U.N. for the sake of appeasing the Arab Governments. General Bennike too has expressed concern at the organized "Arab anger" and this consideration has affected policy. The paper points out that this mistaken fear (of Arab anger) is extremely dangerous inasmuch as it belies hopes for peace in the Middle East.

"Herut" contends that if Mr. Sharett were convinced (as he told correspondents on Friday) that the Jordan River project is legitimate, he should give orders to renew the work at once without waiting for an Anglo-American permit. The paper also doubts whether there is a real difference in the attitudes of London and Washington to Israel.

In its first leader "Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with President Eisenhower's proposals for the control of atomic power and elsewhere comments on the forthcoming session of the Zionist General Council, stressing the need for revision of the provision giving the Israel delegates a double vote.

# AL ROSEN TOPS A.L. LIST

Al Rosen has been voted the most valuable player in the American League for 1953. The 28-year-old slugging third baseman of the Cleveland Indians, swept the boards.

He made it with a maximum score of 336 points, it was announced by Ken Smith, national secretary of the Baseball Writers Association. Each member of the 24-man committee — three from each American League city — named Al at the head of his ballot.

This was the first time under the present system of scoring, which went into effect in 1938, that a player had gained maximum points. Previously three players attained perfect scores with smaller committees balloting.

The first recognized most valuable prize in the major leagues was known as the Chalmers Award. Instituted in 1911, it was won that year in the American League by Ty Cobb with a perfect score of 64. The vote was conducted by an eight-man committee with a first place ballot counting 8 points.

### Al's Boss Triumphed

In 1923, when the two major leagues officially recognized an M.V.P. award, Babe Ruth carried off the American League prize with a 64-point total by an eight-man committee, and in 1935 Hank Greenberg, who, as general manager of the Indians, is now Rosen's boss, made it in the American League with a perfect 80-point score. An eight-man committee still prevailed but first place had been increased to 10 points.

When the Writers Association, who were conducting the balloting for the two leagues, expanded their committee to twenty-four members in 1938 in order to "lessen the margin of error," they also instituted a point basis of 14 for first, 9 for second, 8 for third and so on down to 1 for tenth.

Under this system no player ever attained a perfect count in either league until Rosen's feat this year. The highest previous figure in either circuit was the 324 that Lou Boudreau scored in 1948, when as a player and manager he drove the Indians to a pennant and world championship.

In the National League, which never has had a perfect score, the highest total under the present system is the 319 the Cardinals' Stan Musial set in 1946.

Rosen more than doubled the score of the runner-up, Yogi Berra, the Yankee catcher and winner of the award in 1951 polled 167 points to top the Senators' Mickey Vernon's 162 by 5 points. But Vernon outscored Berra in second-place ballots, 10 to 5, Yogi making it with a preponderance of third and fourth-place votes.

Rosen dominated in the league, although this was only his fourth full season as a regular with the Tribe. Not only did he lead the circuit in home runs with 43, in runs batted in with 145 and in runs scored with 115, he also was, in a year when most everything else failed for the Indians, the lone driving force both in the field and at the plate that enabled the Tribe to salvage second place.

### Missed Batting Crown

Rosen also just missed the league's batting crown by a point, Vernon winning it on the final day with .337 to Rosen's .336.

With the exception of Berra, the Yankees, in sharp contrast with other years, did not fare so well. Phil Rizzuto, the winner in 1950, placed sixth with 76 points. Hank Bauer and Allie Reynolds tied for twelfth with 37.

The most disappointing showing was that of Mickey Mantle, who picked up one seventh-place ballot for 4 points, while Billy Martin, who was the Dodgers' hero of the world series," came up with only 2 points. World series play is not taken into account in the league's M.V.P. ratings.

Minnie Minoso of the White Sox, placing fourth, was the only other player to poll 100 points or better with an even 100 count. Incidentally, Rosen is the first third sacker in history to win an American League award. In all, twenty-eight players were named. Ted Williams, a two-time winner in the past, was among the tail-enders with 1 point.

The voting was:

Al Rosen, Cleveland, 336 Points; Yogi Berra, New York, 167; Mickey Vernon, Washington, 162; Minnie Minoso, Chicago, 100; Virgil Trucks, St. Louis-Chicago, 81; Phil Rizzuto, New York, 76; Bob Porterfield, Washington, 64; Ray Boone, Cleveland-Detroit, 59; Jim Piersall, Boston, 56; Billy Pierce, Chicago, 55; Ellis Kinder, Boston, 41; Allie Reynolds, New York, 37; Hank Bauer, New York 37; Mel Parnell, Boston, 27; Harvey Kuenn, Detroit, 23, Bob Lemon, Cleveland, 22; Eddie Lopat, New York, 18; Gus Zernial, Philadelphia, 16; Dave Philley, Philadelphia, 11; Whitey Ford, New York, 8; Billy Goodman, Boston, 5; Mickey Mantle, New York, 4; Gene Woodling, New York, 3; Eddie Yost, Washington, 3; Billy Martin, New York, 2; Chico Carrasquel, Chicago, 1; George Kell, Boston, 1; Ted Williams, Boston, 1.

### A.L. Stars List

| | Team Placed |
|---|---|
| 1931—Lefty Grove, Phila. | 1 |
| 1932—Jimmy Foxx, Phila. | 2 |
| 1933—Jimmy Foxx, Phila. | 3 |
| 1934—Mickey Cocharne, Det. | 1 |
| 1935—Hank Greenberg, Det. | 1 |
| 1936—Lou Gehrig, New York | 1 |
| 1937—Charley Gehringer, Det. | 2 |
| 1938—Jimmy Foxx, Boston | 2 |
| 1939—Joe DiMaggio, N. Y. | 1 |
| 1940—Hank Greenberg, Det. | 1 |
| 1941—Joe DiMaggio, N. Y. | 1 |
| 1942—Joe Gordon, N. Y. | 1 |
| 1943—Spud Chandler, N. Y. | 1 |
| 1944—Hal Newhouser, Det. | 2 |
| 1945—Hal Newhouser, Det. | 1 |
| 1946—Ted Williams, Boston | 1 |
| 1947—Joe DiMaggio, N. Y. | 1 |
| 1948—Lou Boudreau, Cleve. | 1 |
| 1949—Ted Williams, Boston | 2 |
| 1950—Phil Rizzuto, N. Y. | 1 |
| 1951—Yogi Berra, N. Y. | 1 |
| 1952—Bobby Shantz, Phila. | 4 |
| 1953—Al Rosen, Cleveland | 2 |

## DiMaggio Leaves Red Sox

BOSTON, (A.P.). — Bespectacled Dom DiMaggio has received, at his request, his unconditional release from the Boston Red Sox. The Sox said waivers had been obtained, at Dom's urging, from all major league clubs.

DiMaggio, one of baseball's best fielders in his time with the Sox, quit baseball in the spring after getting a late start because of illness. His name was placed on the active list. DiMaggio is 35, the youngest of three baseball-playing brothers who have retired.

DiMaggio said in Lawrence, Mass., he had "nothing but business in mind now, but if something (in baseball) should come up later in which I might be interested I want to be free to consider it."

## Gator Bowl Game Set

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., (A.P.). — Auburn and Texas Tech have been selected to play in the Gator Bowl football game here on New Year's Day.

## Wilt Retains Title

BUFFALO, N.Y., (AP). — Fred Wilt sped to a 20-yard victory over New York's Gordan McKenzie and won his third National Amateur Athletic Union 10,000-meter cross-country championship yesterday.

## Saturday's British Soccer Results

**ENGLISH LEAGUE:** Div. I. Arsenal 2, West Brom. 2; Aston V. 1, Tottenham 2; Blackp'l 1, Newcastle 3; Cardiff 1, Middlesbro' 0; Chelsea 3, Man. U. 1; Huddersf'ld 2, Preston N.E. 2; Man. C. 3, Sheff. W. 2; Portsm'th 5, Liverp'l 1; Sheff U. 2, Bolton W. 0; Sunderl'd 2, Charlton 1; Wolves 1, Burnley 2. Div. II: Blackb'n 2, Rotherham 0; Brentf'd 0, Stoke 0; Bris. R. 2, Fulham 1; Bury 1, Plym'th 0; Derby 2, Leic. C. 1; Doncaster 1, Swansea 0; Everton 3, Notts. F. 3; Hull 2, Birm'gham 0; Lincoln 1, West Ham 2; Notts C. 2, Leeds 0; Oldham 1, Luton 2. F.A. Cup—2nd. Rnd.: Acc. S. 2, Tranmere 2; Barrow 5, Gt. Yarm'th 2; Cambridge U. 1, Bradf'd 2; Hastings U. 4, Swindon 1; Ipswich 2, Walthamstow Ave. 2; Leyton O. 4, Weym'th 0; Millwall 3, Headington U. 3; N'hampton 1, Hartlep'ls 1; Norwich 2, Barnsley 1; Peterb'oro' 2, Aldershot 1; Q.P.R. 1, Nuneaton 1; Rhyl 0, Bris. C. 3; Scunth'pe 1, Port V. 1; Stockp't 2, Work'gton 1, Walsall 3, Crewe A. 0; Wigan Ath. 1, Hereford U. 0; Witton 1, Grimsby 1; Wrexham 1, Brighton 1. Div. III (S): Kill'ham 0, Newp't 1; Torquay 2, Shrewsb'y 0. Div. III (N): Chester 2, Rochdale 0; Gatesh'd 4, Halifax 0; Mansf'ld 6, Darl'gton 0. **SCOTTISH LEAGUE:** Div. A: Celtic 4, St. Mirren 0; Dundee 1, E. Fife 1; Falk'k 1, Hearts 3; Ham. Ac. 3, Aberd'n 2; Hibs. 1, Stirl'g 2; Partick 9, Airdrie 0; Qun o Sth. 2, Rangers 1; Raith 2, Clyde 4. Div. B: Albion 2, Dundee U. 3; Alloa 1, Ayr 1; Arbr'th 1, Motherwell 4; Dunf'mline 1, Forfar 1; Kilm'nock 6, Stenh'semuir 3; Morton 0, Quns Pk. 3; St. Johnstone 6, Cowdenb'th 1; Th. Lanark 2, Dumbarton 1. **RUGBY UNION:** New Zealand Tour: Swansea 6 pts., "All Blacks" 6 pts. **CRICKET:** 1st. Test (at Durban): South Africa, 437 for 9 dec. (McGlew 84, Waite 43, McGlane 93 n.o.); New Zealand, 70 for two (at close second day).

**Notice to the Public**

**Ministry of Labour**
**Popular Housing Department**
**RECEPTION HOURS**

The Popular Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour hereby gives notice that from Sunday, Dec. 20, 1953, their offices in Hakirya, Rehov Dalet, will be open to the public only on the following days and hours:

On Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; and from 2-4 p.m.; and on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The public is also informed that owing to new organizational arrangements the said offices will be closed this week till Friday, Dec. 18, 1953, inclusive.

Persons having registered with other housing companies should apply only to the offices of these companies to settle their housing affairs.

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

| DEC. 13. | | Rise or Fall |
|---|---|---|
| Govt. Loans | | |
| 5% 1963 (reg.) | 100½ | — |
| 5% 1955 (reg.) | 110 | — |
| 5% 1966 (reg.) | 100½ | — |
| Pop. Loans | | |
| 1949/69 (IL. 10) | 97 | — |
| 1950/75 (IL. 10) | 98½ | — |
| 3½% Tavel Dollar | 1335x | — |
| 3½% War Loan 54/59 | 84½ | —1 |
| 3½% Govt. Bonds large | 90½ | — |
| Pal. Bearer Bd. | | |
| Ser. 1 | 70½ | — |
| Ser. 2 | 70½ | —½ |
| Ser. 3 | 69½ | — |
| B. Leumi Ord. sh. | 375 | +2 |
| A.P.B. Invest. | | |
| 6% Debs. 50/70 | 99½ | — |
| 4½% Pref. sh. | 104 | —a) |
| Ord. sh. "B" | 118½ | — |
| Gen. Mortg. Bk. | | |
| 6% Debs. 48/63 | 79 | — |
| 6% Pref. sh. | 76½ | —1 |
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| 4% Debs 48/58 | 92½ | — |
| 4½% 52/66 reg. | 79½ | — |
| Nir Ltd. | | |
| 4% Debs. 46/58 | 85 | — |
| 5% Pref. sh. | 76½ | —1 |
| Pass. Debs. 4% 42/69 | 80 | — |
| P.L.D.C. | | |
| Ord. sh. | 161½ | — |
| 5% Debs. | 92 | — |
| Afr. Pal. Inv. Ord. sh. | 121 | — |
| Rassco | | |
| 6% Debs 56/58 | 79 | — |
| 6% Pref. Ord. sh. | 97½ | — |
| Pal. Potash 6% Pref. sh. | 312 | +1 |
| "A" ord. sh. | 179½ | — |
| Pal. Elec. Ord. sh. (Iss.) | 222 | — |
| Mekoroth Pref. sh. | 75 | — |
| Ata 6% "C" Pref. sh. | 110 | — |
| Ord. "B" sh. | 149½ | +½ |
| 6-8% Con. Debs. | 105½ | +½ |
| "Kurdaneh" Ord. "B" sh | 185½ | +1½ |
| Assis-Bej. "B" sh. | 170 | — |
| "Teva" Ord. sh. | 110½ | — |
| Nesher 6% Debs. Ser. A | 105 | +½ |
| Pal. Cold St. 7% Debs. | 133½ | +½ |
| Lodzia 4½% Pref. sh. | 73 | —½ |
| S.A. Binyan Ord. sh | 55 | —b) |
| Pal. Centr. Tr. pref. sh | 94 | —1½d) |

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## University Head Honoured

*Prof. Benjamin Mazar, President of the Hebrew University is shown here receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters from Dr. Nelson Glueck, President of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, in New York City.*

**EMERGENCY PHARMACIES**

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**HAIFA:** Nordau, 12 Nordau, 4089. Mashiah, opposite Hadar cinema, 3038. **KIRYAT MOTZKIN:** Pentagon.

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# AT THE CINEMA

STRANGE as it may seem, the panorama of Israel given by all 14 documentary films of 1953 vintage shown at the Histadrut sponsored contest for the Critics' Award at the Allenby Cinema in Tel Aviv on Friday, mirrored the phenomena, and visions of the country only very incompletely. One might have expected an all-round impression of the country and its inhabitants, the landscape, institutions and prominent personalities from 14 films, lasting some six hours. Instead, the themes chosen by the various governmental and private producers almost exclusively dealt with the education (general and military) of new immigrants; pioneering, and exploration and cultivation of the soil. There was one travellogue which was very welcome (although technically not first class); and a semi-documentary telling a little story (this film, called "Yonathan and Tali," is in fact a possible first draft of a full-length feature).

However, the producers were not at all interested in short biographies of the leading men of the Israel scene; we did not see a single film dealing with the life of the artists, or of any particular artist, of this country; there was nothing about the musical life or the museums; nothing about books and newspapers — so that we (and the general public abroad) saw only the efforts and achievements of governmental bodies or public institutions, but not the work and spiritual striving of individuals or groups of individuals. There is, of course, a reason for this: only governmental institutions are able to promote their productions. Nevertheless, judged by the documentaries shown on Friday, the Israel scene as conceived by our film-makers gives audiences an incomplete and narrow picture of the country.

### Standard Improved

TECHNICALLY, some progress has been made, and the contest should serve as a great stimulant to redouble the efforts of all concerned. The improvements came to the fore significantly in the winner of the first prize, "Swordpoint," produced by the Israel Army, which tells the story of a young man who rises from obscurity to the clear-cut personality of a parachutist. The film surpasses all the other works in its all-round briskness of cutting and narration. The four films which were given special prizes ("The Beduins" for direction; "Yonathan and Tali" for photography; "Live Water" for the scenario; and "They Shall Live" for treatment) reveal improvements in general standard and in the technical facilities of our three studios, the Israel Film Studio, Carmel and Geva. I was particularly pleased to find in the "Beduins" a charming and uncomplicated approach to the Arab scene.

*MANDO*

## JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
**ARNON:** Secret of Convict Lake.
**EDEN:** Ivanhoe.
**EDISON:** Island of Desire.
**HAZAMIR:** Best of the Bad Men.
**ORGIL:** Elizabeth and Essex.
**ORION:** Limelight.
At 3, 6, and 8.30 p.m.
**ORNA:** Leave Her To Heaven.
**STUDIO:** Lucia di Lammermoor
**TEL OR:** Mourning Becomes Electra.
**ZION:** The Savage.

# ON THE AIR

**JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 349 M.; TEL AVIV: 23.3, 45.9 & 352 M.**

**FIRST PROGRAMME**

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.15 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.15 p.m., Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Music (R). 9.00 Services. 10.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: Overture "Husitska" (Dvorak); Concerto for Violin & Orchestra (Prokofieff); "La Mer" (Debussy). 1.45 "The Voice of the Violin" (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 4.30 Musical Miniatures (R). 5.00 Piano Recital: David Bar Ilan. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 At the Opera (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Stories of the People. 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 "Curtain Up." 9.30 Light Music (R). 10.00 Chamber Music: Quintet for Oboe & Strings (Walbe), Malkin String Quintet, Soloist: George Haas. 10.30 "Notturno" (R). 11.05 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**
**460, 220, 116, 48.9 M.**

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Music (R). 4.50 Messages to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Literature Corner. 5.30 Ballet Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.

**IMMIGRANTS' HOUR** (22.3, 34.9 & 460 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Ladino: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.

**KOL ZION LAGOLA** (22.3 M.): 11.15 News and Newsreel. 11.45 Vocal Recital: David Halpern.

**ARMY PROGRAMME** (44.6, 216, 225 & 230 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 "Among the Flags." 8.00 Night Music. 8.40 News. 8.45 Concert. 10.00 Close Down.

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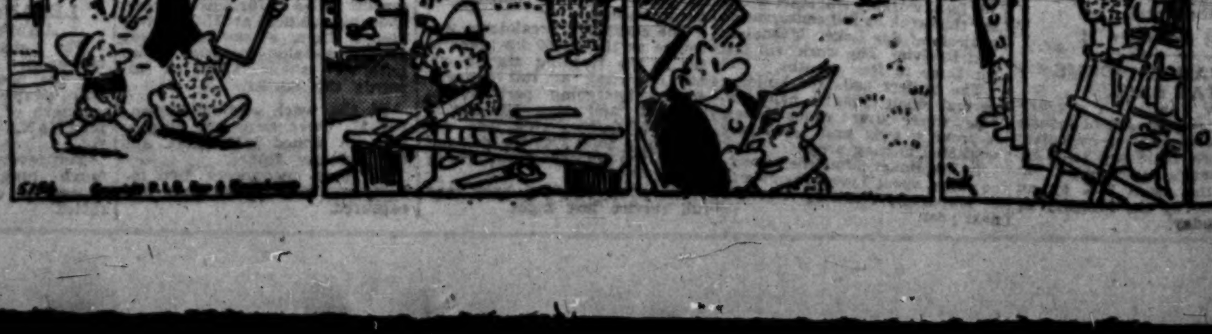

## *Today's Post Bag*

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FORECAST: Fair to partly cloudy.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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**YONA ARTZIELI**, who is charged with helping Shimon Bechar to remain at large after his prison break, was released on IL.500 bail by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

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**THE DEATH PENALTY** is to be discussed in English by the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, with Mr. T. R. Lurie and Mr. Myer Silverstone, at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem, at 8.30 this evening. The proceedings will be broadcast by Kol Zion Lagola.

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**THREE COWS**, valued at IL.1,500, were stolen yesterday from the cowshed of Mr. Gavriel Berlin of Rehov 403, Jaffa.

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**AN AUCTION** of goods confiscated by customs authorities will be held today and tomorrow in Haifa Port, Shed number 11.

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**A NEW CANCELLATION** stamp, bearing the words "Haifa Port," will be introduced on Sunday in the Haifa Port Post Office, replacing "Haifa 37," which appears on the present seal.

### 50,000 FAUCETS FOR TURKEY

An agreement for the export of 50,000 Israel-made faucets to Turkey to the value of $26,000 has been announced by Mr. Y. Kedem, co-ordinator of the metal enterprise in Kibbutz Hatzor, *The Jerusalem Post* is informed.

The contract was obtained in face of German competition and will constitute the first faucets' export to Turkey. Negotiations for additional orders from Turkey and other countries are in progress.

In Natanya Mr. S. Shnapp, of the local Shnapp Car Batteries Factory, announced yesterday that the first shipment of $5,000 worth of car batteries will be sent to Turkey on December 20.

Another $20,000 order has already been given and commercial agreements for the export of batteries to Finland and several West European countries will soon be signed, Mr. Shnapp added.

### 19,000 Tons Reparation Goods Due This Week

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Cargoes of 18,500 tons of raw materials bought with German Reparations funds are due to arrive this week in three Israel vessels, the Reparations Corporation disclosed here today.

The cargoes will include iron in several forms, copper wire, steel bars, chemicals and raw materials for glass and oil production. The s.s. Eilat is carrying 10,000 tons, the s.s. Atzmaut, 8,000 and the s.s. Etrog 500.

An Italian ship arrived here today with 500 tons of timber purchased with Reparations funds.

### WORLD GEN. ZIONISTS TO MEET IN CAPITAL

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Executive Committee of the World Confederation of General Zionists will meet in Jerusalem on December 25 and 26, it was announced here today. The Confederation comprises both the local General Zionist and Progressive Parties.

### RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Rice: 300 gr. for Aleph and Bet cards, Dalet 1, temp. 21. Margarine: 400 gr. Dalet 2, temp. 1,2,3; [illegible] 1,2. Laundry soap: 1 bar. Aleph cards 2 bars. Gimel 22. Halva: 100 gr. for Aleph, Bet and Gimel cards, no coupons, temp. 30. Cocoa: 150 gr. for Aleph and Bet cards, no coupons, temp. 12. Yellow cheese: 100 gr. no coupon, temp. 18. Semolina: 600 gr. for Aleph and Bet cards, no coupons, temp. 22.

# Step Up Farm Yields, Dr. Black Says in Report to Government

By a Special Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "I would add one more point to the 25 recommendations included in my report — to increase agricultural yields — for this is the surest and most rapid way to reduce agricultural production costs," Dr. A. G. Black, Chief of the Food and Agriculture Organization mission in Israel, said at a press conference here today. Dr. Black headed a team of agricultural experts who began work in Israel in May, 1952. His final report was submitted to the Government in September, and will be published shortly.

The development plan prepared by the Joint Planning Centre is very sensible, Dr. Black said, and is based on realistic estimates of agricultural acreage available. If given the funds to develop the land, farmers to settle it, and a reasonable marketing policy, the goals set could well be attained, though perhaps not as rapidly as originally envisaged.

Among the recommendations put forward in Dr. Black's report were:

1) Examine plans based on alternative scales of investment;

2) Re-examine export possibilities;

3) Establish export research;

4) Re-examine the sea-fisheries programme;

5) Re-examine the plans for increasing the number of draught animals;

#### Conservation Service

6) The Soil Conservation Service should be increased and the conservation of the soil should be a principal factor in planning the layout of settlements; and

7) More effective control over irrigation planning and construction should be instituted, whereby a reasonable relationship between costs and prospective returns may be maintained.

An agricultural credit board should be established, and a firm price policy should be fixed by the Government. Special efforts should be made to train and keep on the job many more agricultural instructors than have been available in the past; a special weed control programme should be started on a permanent basis; special efforts should be made to spread knowledge of practical methods of animal husbandry, including elementary principles of animal sanitation.

A systematic programme for the improvement of the efficiency of agricultural workers should be inaugurated and educational programmes on local goods should be carried out.

#### Consolidate Holdings

Of the representations put forward in his report, Dr. Black stressed the necessity to consolidate agricultural holdings in order to maintain a minimum of 40 to 60 dunams of irrigated land per farm worker and a farm unit of 4,000 to 6,000 dunams. Smaller units do not allow operation with modern agricultural methods, nor can they provide a reasonable standard of living. Smallholders necessarily operate with higher costs and are already beginning to feel the economic pinch. However, farm incomes may drop to about 40% or 50% of what they are today. Moreover, smallholdings rule out the efficient production of certain crops which happen to be of the greatest importance for this country.

Dr. Black also warned against wasting land and equipment by entrusting it to persons inexperienced in agricultural management. Many settlers in the new villages, he said, would prefer a fixed and secure wage rather than bearing the risks of independent management.

Other recommendations in his report are:

#### Powers of Farm Groups

An investigation should be carried out concerning the powers exercised by various agricultural organizations and with particular reference to whether they are consistent with the aims and responsibilities of a sovereign state.

If settlements refuse to irrigate and develop land, any excess land should be withdrawn from them and put at the disposal of other farmers.

Research should be started upon efficient methods of irrigation and in the fields of marketing and farming costs.

Dr Black was not of the opinion that Israel agriculture is over mechanized, though there may be too much heavy equipment and too little medium-sized units. Asked about the industrial crops introduced in recent years, he was enthusiastic on the yields achieved, particularly of sugar beet and cotton, which were among the highest in the world. The profitability of these crops, however, cannot be taken for granted. One must bear in mind that sugar is essentially a low-price product, and that the processing of sugar beet requires a coordination of farming with transport and with the sugar industry. Whatever the costs in local currency, however, if the balancing of foreign exchange is the prime concern, the most important results can be secured most quickly in agricultural development.

#### Report Under Study

The report is now being studied by the Ministries concerned, and both the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Finance and their staffs are much impressed by its deep understanding of our conditions and problems, said Mr. A. Amir, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and chief of the Joint Planning Centre, who presided at the Conference.

Dr. Black will stay in the country for another three months to advise the Government on various points concerning the implementation of his recommendations particularly in the field of agricultural credits, prices and subsidies.

## Unemployment 2,500 Less

The unemployment total for the week ending December 4 was 17,700, a drop of 2,500 from the previous week, the Labour Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. The Sharon area still provides the major concentration of unemployment, with the figures for Lydda and Ramle higher than before. Petah Tikva registered 1,000 out of work.

Haifa had 2,019 unemployed, Jerusalem, 1,700, Tel Aviv 1,604.

The Ministry's four-month series of emergency works, designed to absorb 4,400 labourers daily, has not yet begun to relieve the situation on a large scale, although in Jerusalem, for example, more men were drafted into emergency projects already under way.

## Technion Students Say Unable to Pay

HAIFA, Sunday. — The students of the Technion published a bulletin today showing that they had voted against paying the IL.50 fee increase not because they oppose the rise in principle, but out of a genuine inability to pay higher fees. Last year, they agreed to a rise in the fees from IL.100 to IL.150, they point out.

The students' economic situation has worsened since then because of labour shortages and higher rents for out-of-towners. The announcement stated that 38% of the students have no work at present, while only 10% have steady jobs. Of those working, 58% work only up to 10 hours weekly with a monthly income of IL.40.

A total of 63% live in rented rooms, paying an average monthly rent of IL.17. Seventy percent of the students spend IL.60 to IL.80 monthly for rent, upkeep, fees and expenses for books and equipment.

The statement adds that over 30% of the students' parents are of the middle class with limited income who cannot give much support to their sons. In order to pay the IL.50 increase, the average student would have to work another 80 hours monthly. This could only lead to the lowering of standards.

Finally, the students call on the public, the Government and institutions to come to the aid of the Technion and prevent the threatened closure.

### Sneh's Left Faction Takes Over Kibbutz

NATANYA, Sunday. — Kibbutz Hameuchad affiliates of Kibbutz Yad Hanna, near the "Little Triangle," are preparing to leave the kibbutz for a new village just south of their present site, it was learned here today.

The present three-year-old kibbutz will remain the domain of the members of Dr. Moshe Sneh's Left Faction who were reinforced last week with 10 Left Faction members, dismissed from other settlements.

According to mediation proposals of the Agricultural Workers' Union, Hakibbutz Hameuchad affiliates were given 2,300 dunams of Yad Hanna's total 4,700 dunams of land, where they have started building living quarters and a children's house.

### PASSMAN RETURNS

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday (ITIM). — Returning by L.A.I. from Rome yesterday, Mr. Charles Passman, Director of Malben and P.I.C.A. in Israel, said here today that the Jewish Colonial Association, at its recent London meeting, had decided to establish a new village for 100 families near Kfar Warburg next Spring.

## *Personal Notices*

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## All Civil Servants Paid by Tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A threatened strike of Ministry of Agriculture employees, scheduled for yesterday morning over non-payment of salaries, was averted in the nick of time when some cheques were received, an official told *The Jerusalem Post*.

These cheques will be forwarded to Ministry employees in various parts of the country, so that their receipt will coincide with the payment of salaries in the cities.

The Ministry of Finance spokesman said that all civil service salaries will have been paid by tomorrow, the 15th of the month. A majority of Government departments have already been paid, he pointed out.

HAIFA. — A two-hour warning strike in protest against non-payment of their wages was held by 60 clerks of the Registration Department in the Haifa offices of the Ministry of Interior yesterday. The clerks warned that they would strike on Wednesday if their wages are not paid by then.

### MINISTERS TO DISCUSS GOVERNMENT WAGES

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Civil service wages for 1954 will be discussed by the special ministerial committee with the representative of the Civil Servants' Union in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

### Jerusalem Municipal Strike Postponed

Although there is no hope of Jerusalem municipal employees receiving their November salaries by tomorrow the deadline fixed by the Histadrut — the threatened general strike has been put off.

Mayor Kariv will be absent from his office for a week, owing to the death of his father, Rabbi Zvi Krakowski, on Saturday night, and the wage-settlement has been postponed until his return. The weekly Council session also has been cancelled.

In theory, Mr. E. Eliachar, the General Zionist Deputy Mayor, should act as Mayor, but he has taken no part in municipal affairs for a considerable time. He refuses to carry out his duties unless the Mayor delegates him more authority.

### Separate Employment Exchanges for Youth

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Central Labour Exchange Council decided here on Friday to establish special labour exchanges for youths.

The Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, has promised to support the Labour Exchange Council in its request that acts of violence by unemployed persons at labour exchanges, which has become widespread recently, will be dealt with more vigourously by the courts Mr. Z. Milstein, Secretary of the Council, reported.

The Council decided to abolish the personal unemployment certificates, which, it maintained, could be misused to avoid paying income tax and sick fund dues. Instead, unemployed persons will have to register personally at local labour exchanges and obtain an authorization for each month's total of workless days.

### Isaac Stern Flies To Europe for Concerts

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.— The violinist, Isaac Stern, accompanied by his wife and his piano accompanist, Mr. Alexander Zakin, left by L.A.I. yesterday for Europe for a series of concerts there before returning to the U.S.

Mr. Stern said that an artist who wished to fulfil all his engagements had to fly, adding that he thought the risk in air travel no greater than in any other form of transportation. He was replying to Mr. Yehudi Menuhin, who had cancelled his engagement here because of recent air crashes which took the lives of three artists.

Another artist who also appears to disagree with Mr. Menuhin is Mr. Shura Cherkassky, the pianist, who arrived by Cyprus Airways from Athens early this morning. He is to appear as guest soloist with the I.P.O. in a series of concerts.

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### President, Fichman Share Bialik Award

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — This year's Bialik Award for Literature will be given to President Izhak Ben-Zvi for his book "Nidahei Yisrael" (The Dispersed Ones of Israel) and to the poet, Mr. Yaacov Fichman, for his collected critical essays.

The awards will be made at the Municipality on Thursday, December 31 at 8.30 p.m. when the President will lecture on "The Ingathering of the Exiles" and Mr. Fichman will speak on Bialik.

## Memorial Day For Martyrs

The fast of the Tenth of Teveth, taking place on Wednesday and which commemorates the opening of the siege of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E., has been ordained by the Chief Rabbinate in the Holy Land as a day of remembrance for the martyrs who perished in Europe during World War II. Children and relatives of the victims have been requested to commemorate the day by reciting the Kaddish, learning *Mishnayot* and lighting candles in their memory. They are also asked to gather in synagogues to participate in the public recital of the Kaddish.

A general memorial assembly will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in the synagogue on Mount Zion. Throughout the night, prayer and study watches will be held.

### British Fascists To Stand for Parliament

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).—Sir Oswald Mosley, former British Fascist leader, said last night his new "Union Movement" would start a public campaign next Spring, including the putting up of Parliamentary candidates.

Mosley forecast that there would be an economic crisis next year. As the crisis developed "the Conservatives will be at the bottom of the poll in all working class areas and we will be the only effective opposition to the Reds" he declared.

A crowd giving the Fascist salute shouted "Heil" as Mosley walked from his car to the meeting-place in Hackney.

### Ceramics Factory For Ascalon

The Afridar Company is planning to establish in Ascalon a factory for ceramics and building materials made of clay, according to Dr. Y. Sonnabend, Chairman of the Ascalon Council.

Important sources of clay have been discovered near the town, he said, and the Company is planning to use the product, on a small scale at first.

### Beersheba to Honour Ben Gurion Today

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — Mr. and Mrs. David Ben Gurion are expected here tomorrow morning on their way to Sde Boker.

About 2,000 schoolchildren will line the streets in a welcome to the passing visitors. Mr. Ben Gurion will be made an Honorary Citizen of the town at this week's Council meeting, Mayor David Tuvyahu said today.

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## *Wedding Bells ...And Blows*

HADERA, Sunday. — Three persons were seriously injured and five others slightly hurt in a free-for-all inter-family brawl at a wedding party here on Saturday night.

The police, who were attracted by the noise of battle coming from the home of Mr. S. Boira, where a marriage of members of the Buriah and Habsti families was taking place, arrested nine men. The reason for the fight is not yet known, but police believe that it started as a private argument.

Seriously hurt were Joseph, 30, Miriam 70, and Haim 44, all of the Habsti family. They were taken to Haifa Rambam Hospital where Joseph is reported to be in a serious condition.

## Man Found Shot, Donates Body

The body of a young man, with a bullet wound in his temple, was found early yesterday morning in Kiryat Moshe, near the Mosad Harav Kook, Jerusalem.

Near the body, identified as that of a man of 30 from Holon, a pistol was found with a bullet missing of the type extracted from his head.

In the deceased's pocket was a letter to "Miriam" who was a nurse in a hospital where he had been treated recently. In the letter he asked that his body be delivered for research purposes to the Hebrew University Medical School, which he had wanted to join.

He had been at his parents' home in Holon on Saturday and announced that he was returning to his job with Mekorot in the Negev, by way of Jerusalem. He had been suffering from depression, and it appears that he had called to see "Miriam" a few hours before his death but had not found her at home.

Investigations are continuing. *(Itim)*

### Sharett Fails To Save Employee From Jail

For committing ten thefts in the Foreign Ministry where he has been employed as a watchman, R. David, 37, yesterday was given a six-month prison term by Dr. A. Peretz, Jerusalem Magistrate.

David pleaded guilty to having committed all ten thefts in September of this year. They included the stealing of a table clock from the office, of the Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, IL.153 in cash, a number of books from the office of the Chief of Protocol, Mr. M. Simon, pens and pencils and a British Army medal.

Mr. Sharett made an unsuccessful plea before the Magistrate for David to be placed in the care of a probation officer. *(Itim)*

**WHILE FIXING** curtains in his third-floor flat, 51 Rehov Hahalutzim, Tel Aviv, yesterday, Mr. Moshe Eisenstadt fell from the window. He was taken to the Municipal Hospital in a serious condition.

## Noise Test Asked For Transformer

A request that the Palestine Electric Corporation and the Jerusalem Electric Corporation be ordered to give a trial operation of the new transformer in Bet Hakerem in order to test its volume of noise, was made yesterday to the Jerusalem District Court by a number of Bet Hakerem residents who are seeking to prevent the setting up of the transformer in the vicinity of their homes.

Counsel for the two corporations agreed that the Court should visit the station, but asked that it should not be put into operation before the interim order issued by the Court against the corporation is annulled. The Court reserved its judgment.

Mr. A. Singer, Director of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation, testified that the setting up of the Bet Hakerem transformer affected a number of issues of great public importance, namely, cheaper electricity rates in Jerusalem, the merger of the Jerusalem and Palestine Electric Corporations and the capacity of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation to raise the capital needed for expansion. *(Itim)*

### SHOE COMPANY FINED

For failing to submit income tax returns on time, Nathan Ltd., shoe factory, and its manager, Mr. M. Nathan, each were fined IL.100. Naalei Nathan, Ltd., unaffiliated with the former, was not found guilty of an income tax offence.

Mr. Nathan is manager of both firms.

## *Cables in Brief*

**PROBE.** —Senator Estes Kefauver, Democrat, on Saturday asked the Senate Armed Services Committee to investigate a $200m. defence contract which he said gave the General Motors Corporation "exclusive production of the M-48 tank for the Army."

**NIXON.** — U.S. Vice-President Richard Nixon, and Mrs. Nixon, left Libya yesterday for the U.S. after having been received at Benghazi by King Idris at the end of their tour of Asian countries.

**HUSSEIN.** — King Hussein of Jordan yesterday accepted an invitation to visit Egyptian President Nagib at the end of next month.

## *N.Y. Sunday Papers Contain 1,698 Pages*

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). —New Yorkers who bought a copy of each one of the city's five regular Sunday newspapers at their news stands this morning staggered home under a burden weighing exactly 13 pounds — almost six kilograms.

New York newspapers were making up with mammoth weekend editions for the issues missed during the newspaper strike that ended last week.

The five papers with their special sections totalled 1,698 pages in all. Fattest of all was "The New York Times," which appeared today with a main news section of 152 pages—biggest ever printed by the "Times."

In all, today's "Times" weighed over two kilograms.

### Truman Refuses To Debate with McCarthy

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, Sunday (Reuter).—Former President Harry S. Truman said last night he would not accept an invitation to debate Communism with Senator Joseph McCarthy.

The Harvard Law School Forum recently announced that invitations had been sent to the two men to take part in such a debate. Senator McCarthy said he would participate.

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### WORKERS AND WAGES

COLLECTIVE bargaining has become one of the pillars of the social order in a democratic society. This is probably what the head of the Histadrut's Trades Union Department had in mind when he stated last Saturday night that it is the unions' exclusive prerogative to deal with wages. The "deal," of course, presupposes negotiation with the representatives of the other side, in this case the Manufacturers' Association. Mr. Becker's statement was prompted by the demand put forward by the employers, not for the first time, that a policy decision on increases in the cost-of-living allowances is required.

That the present system was introduced as far back as the early years of the Second World War, does not appear to make it infallible. In fact, recent developments tend to show that our wages policy is in need of a revision which would have to take several factors into account. The C.-o.-L. allowance itself has undergone a substantial structural change since it was first introduced. From a comparatively small addition to basic wages and salaries, it has developed into a major part of the pay packet. A recent very thorough and detailed investigation by the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research has revealed, for instance, that, in August 1952, basic wages in industry accounted for only 56.7% of the average weekly pay, whereas the C.-o.-L. allowance had reached 30.3% of the total, the remainder consisting of family allowances, premiums, various other allowances, and overtime pay. In the meantime, the ratio between basic wages and C.-o.-L. allowances has changed further in favour of the latter. This fact alone would seem to justify a new approach.

The main question at issue, however, is not whether the present system of calculating the allowances by way of linking it automatically to the index number—a highly controversial problem in itself—can be improved, but whether increases in the allowance, or in the basic pay itself, result in an actual increase in real wages, or, in other words, whether the worker thereby is enabled to cover the deficit in his family budget which is the outcome of rising retail prices, as expressed in the index number. In this respect, unfortunately, we must rely on information which is far from comprehensive, although it appears to justify the assumption that money wages have not kept pace with real wages. The extent of the discrepancy is, of course, vastly different in various categories of employees, and for this reason alone, a re-assessment of the present wages and salaries structure is urgently needed.

In the last analysis, all such considerations lead to the real crux of the matter, which is the stabilization of prices. It is small comfort to be told that the New Economic Policy of February 1952 has stopped "run-away" inflation, when we see, on the other hand, that the retail price index has gradually risen from 113 in January 1952 to at least 208 today, an increase of no less than 84%. In the face of this fact, a new effort must be made to stop the pernicious upward trend of prices. Unless this can be achieved, palliatives such as higher C.-o.-L. allowances can serve only to deflect our attention from the grim reality.

This effort, needless to say, is in the common interest of workers and employers. It goes, however, far beyond the limits of a mere dispute or arrangement between capital and labour. An intelligent solution of the problem is vital to the economic stabilization of the country.

For this reason, it is to be hoped that the two parties will seek to settle their differences as speedily as possible, perhaps by asking the Labour Ministry to mediate the dispute, as suggested by a Government spokesman yesterday after the Cabinet had refused to deal with the matter.

# Sudan Election Results Boost to Nagib's Prestige

## Army Asset To Egypt

By M. J. GORDON

CAIRO — WHILE the political results of the Sudan elections cannot yet be fully assessed, already it is clear that it has greatly enhanced the prestige of Nagib's Government in Egypt.

The Egyptians always have maintained that the Sudan belonged to them and sincerely believed it. They tacitly admit that the Mahdi's rebellion of 1885, when General Gordon was murdered and his army destroyed, was the result of previous Egyptian mismanagement and they consider that the victory of Omdurman in 1898 was an Egyptian and not a British one.

There is force in this argument. The Anglo-Egyptian forces were, it is true, under the command of General Kitchener (young Winston Churchill was also present) but it may be said that Kitchener's army was an Egyptian army reinforced by British troops, for Kitchener was at the time an official of the Egyptian Government.

The victory of Omdurman, in the opinion of most Egyptians, was simply the restoration of Egyptian rule over the Sudan which temporarily had been interrupted 13 years earlier.

For political reasons (French pressure in the South) an Anglo-Egyptian condominium was decided upon in 1899. History books recall the mission of the French Colonel Marchand whose northward advance down the Nile was stopped at Fashoda by Kitchener in his capacity as an officer in the Egyptian service. The French clearly did not decide to stop their advance because they felt hesitation in the face of the Egyptians, but because of the pressure brought to bear on Paris by Downing Street. The French, in other words, were not prepared to risk a war with the British (as in all likelihood would have happened) for the sake of progress down the Nile Valley. As it turned out over the succeeding years, the Egyptians played a comparatively small part in the condominium.

### British Officials

There were few signs of Egyptian nationalism in those days, and the age-old spirit of *maleesh* was still dominant. Egyptian officials, who still disliked being posted from Cairo or Alexandria to Upper Egypt, could not be persuaded to accept jobs in the Sudan. They expressed willingness to fill high posts at large salaries provided that they could jump straight into them but they were, and still are, unwilling to go through the mill.

The result has been that the administration during the last 50 years has fallen steadily and almost completely into the hands of British officials. The Sudan Political Service, recruited in Britain, demanded a very high standard from its candidates. These young men, in keeping with British custom, had no objection to going through the mill or accepting jobs in unpleasant districts. Egyptians could be found for the clerical grades, but practically none for the executive branch.

In 1924, when the Sirdar, Sir Lee Stack, was murdered in Cairo, the British cleared the Egyptians out of the Sudan lock, stock and barrel. Egypt had practically nothing to do with the Sudan until the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of Alliance was signed in 1936.

The Egyptians felt their expulsion very keenly, and indeed it gave a great stimulus to the nationalism which came into being after World War I and helped to fan the flames of anti-British feeling which was being actively stimulated in Egypt's schools and colleges. Most historians agree that the principal factor which led the Egyptian Government to sign the 1936 Treaty was the fear that the rising power of Italy might become a mortal danger.

As soon as Italy was knocked out of World War II, Egyptian opinion became openly anti-British, and the Cairo Government lost no time in demanding modifications of the Treaty.

This is a brief resumé of the external relations of the Sudan during the past 70 years, but it must be added that one entirely new factor has made its appearance since the end of World War II: the growth of nationalism in the Sudan.

### First Prime Minister

When the election results became known, Egyptians went delirious with excitement. The Union Party, under its old leader, Ismail al Azhari, emerged as the strongest force in Parliament, and at the moment there is little doubt that al Azhari will be the Sudan's first Prime Minister.

Egyptian spokesmen have already announced that the new Government will work for Sudanese unity, but this may merely be recognition of the fact that al Azhari, although leader of the strongest party, is not likely to command an overall majority in the Lower House.

*Voting in Southern Sudan by the "token" system, in which pictorial symbols were used to represent each party. At right, sealing a ballot box.*

### Umma Protest

The Umma party, headed by Sir Abdul Rahman el Mahdi (posthumous son of the Mahdi whose dervishes murdered General Gordon) has declared publicly that he does not acknowledge the election results as honest because of the alleged lavish expenditure of Egyptian money in "riggling" the elections.

There is little doubt that he is justified in making these charges, but it is also possible that if and when he sees that the British are leaving the Canal Zone he may find it advisable to come to terms with Egypt. He is a very rich man and has much to lose.

Observers here take it for granted that the three-year transition period which will begin when the new Parliament assembles in Khartoum will be marked by assiduous Egyptian efforts to bring over the Sudanese Independent parties to the Egyptian side. Farouk was eager to absorb the Sudan because he wanted a "Praetorian guard" and more Sudanese to ensure a better balance in his entourage.

Many observers here think that the troops of the Sudan Defence Force (S.D.F.) will be brought North when they have been incorporated in the Egyptian Army. An effort will be made to persuade London that if the British doubt the capacity of the Egyptian Army to defend an evacuated Suez Canal they need have no qualms about the ability of the Sudanese to do so.

One thing is quite certain; Egyptian forces backed by the Sudanese will be far stronger than they are today.

*Visitors' Gallery*

## Light Feet

PINHEIRO Machado Neto is the president of the Brazilian "Cruzeiro" football club which impressed its opponents in Ramat Gan Stadium with its professional competence and youthful zeal. The average age of the Brazilians is 21. They have played in Madrid, Turin and Rome against the well-known "Real Madrid" "F.O. Torino" and "Lazio," and all the games ended in a goal-less draw. These results seem to show that the side has a splendid goalkeeper in La Paz from Uruguay and that its forward line is able to express its speed, ball control and almost perfect positional play of low passes in the cold figures of the final score.

The president, who is only 29 years old, is a lawyer and member of the Brazil Parliament. He told us that only about one third of the players are professionals, the rest coming from various walks of life. As far as he knows, there is one Jewish Club ("Israeliat," which plays in the Third Division) among Brazil's 200-odd Association Football clubs. There is no racial discrimination in Brazil, and Jewish players are found on many teams. The "Cruzeiro" club had two Jewish members some time ago.

### Young Star

One of the stars of the team is 19-year old Nadir Prates, a Negro, who already has played as an international against Uruguay. His exact and beautifully balanced movements were greatly admired by Tel Aviv football experts.

The president thinks that Ramat Gan is a fine stadium (Rio de Janeiro has the largest in the world which seats 150,000) and that the Israelis play a clever "diagonal" game while his team uses the "W.M." system.

The Brazilian side will play two more games here and then go on to play in Istanbul, Italy and Spain. They were impressed by the warm welcome and friendliness Israelis have shown to them.

J.S.

## Negro in High Treasury Post

By FRANK ROSSITER

SAVANNAH, U.S.A. (NANA). — WHEN Louis Burke Toomer, 58-year-old Negro banker, went to the White House to take the oath as Registrar of the Treasury, he accepted it in the spirit not of a personal honour, but, rather "A great tribute to my race."

"My appointment is significant in that top Negro Democrats had tried for 40 years to get this position for a Negro, but they weren't successful. It will react greatly to the benefit of the Republican Party," Toomer said.

Toomer, President of the Carver Savings Bank of Savannah, was originally proposed by the State G.O.P. Organization and later considered by the White House for appointment to the $8,300 job as Collector of Customs.

As a youth, Toomer worked in a sheet-metal shop in Savannah managing to get in two years of high school in the meantime. With the approach of World War I, he tried to enlist in the Army, but was balked by his parents' objections.

He was a prime mover in 1927 in organizing the Georgia Savings and Realty Company, that firm being merged with the Carver Savings Bank in 1946.

Toomer was born in the Currytown section of Savannah in 1895. He is unmarried and lives in a 10-room residence just off Victory Drive, one of Savannah's principal thoroughfares. His mother and two sisters also live in Savannah.

Toomer says, "Savannah has the best white folk of any place in the world," and he adds: "The bigger they are, the more tolerant and thoughtful you will find them." He firmly believes that education will solve the race problem in the South, and notes the great strides already made.

## Men and Things

THE laws relating to verbal evidence are rather strict. The forces of law and order like to make sure that the offending words have actually been spoken, and so, in many cases, the incriminating speech has to be coaxed out of a person in cold blood, after the initial offence.

For instance, if Mr. X demands a thousand pounds from Mr. Y, in return for not telling Mr. Y's wife about a certain affair, it is not enough for Mr. Y. to rush off to the police station and inform against the blackmailer. A police witness has to be concealed somewhere, the offer has to be made again, and the criminal has to be seen actually taking the money. So it was in the old days, even though the forces of law and order were less punctilious in being certain of guilt. A slave would be concealed in a tallboy, or an agent under the bed or behind the arras, and on the information so gained, a prosecution would take place.

Now, of course, all that has been swept away by the invention of the microphone and its accompanying recording equipment. But let us not be comforted by the thought that the installation of recording gear takes place only in Egyptian shops at the behest of a government frightened for its popularity. A man in England was recently convicted by evidence obtained in this way. So long as those confounded scientists are unable to invent a machine that records what is going on in the mind....

B.S.

## Readers' Letters

### DUAL NATIONALITY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When in the summer of 1952 the Israel Nationality Act was introduced, it was pointed out that these residents of Israel of foreign nationality whose country of origin permitted dual nationality had no reason to reject Israel citizenship. They would lose nothing by accepting Israel nationality and would therefore commit an unfriendly act to Israel by rejecting it.

In fact the position is different. When the holder of a foreign passport who by the Israel Nationality Act was granted Israel nationality as well, now wants to go abroad and applies for an exit visa, he is told that he can be given this only on an Israel passport. On receiving his Israel passport his foreign passport is withdrawn by the Israel Government. If such a person wants to visit his own country, he must have a visa, and if he stays there longer than a very short period, he must register with the police and is subjected to other restrictions. As he no longer has a foreign passport, he cannot have the latter renewed either.

If all these consequences of the Nationality Act would have been pointed out in advance, many more persons might have rejected Israel nationality. Is the present procedure really based on the law?

Yours, etc.,
*DUAL NATIONALITY*
Amsterdam, November 14.

### Ministry Replies

According to the existing practice we do not take foreign passports from persons who have dual nationality. Their foreign passports are returned together with their Israel passports. It is obvious that such persons, if they so desire, are entitled to leave Israel with two passports in their possession.

We are prepared to investigate the complaint if you will tell us the name of the person who complained and the office to which he submitted his application for an exit permit.

Yours etc.,
*Dr. GOLDIN*
*Passport Office,*
*Ministry of the Interior*
Jerusalem, November 26.

### SHIKUN AMIDAR

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I and many of my neighbours are immigrants from the West and we were all very happy to receive flats in Shikun Amidar at Nahariya. I understand that these flats are offered as an inducement to encourage settlement here. However, at the first downpour my flat and many near mine were almost completely flooded out. Rain entered at the doors and windows, and the walls became blotched with big yellow patches of damp.

I immediately contacted the architect of the Haifa office of Shikun Amidar and was told that nothing could be done. This gentleman asked whether this was my first winter in Israel as "this is a normal occurrence in this country." I am afraid that I must refuse to accept such a statement.

Yours, etc.,
*D. GREENBERG*
Nahariya, November 22.

### Amidar Replies

Mr. D. Greenberg received a new flat and, as in the case of every new apartment given by us, an undertaking from the contractors to repair in the course of one year whatever requires repairing. In accordance with this promise, we applied to the responsible contractor immediately after receiving this complaint. We could not know before winter came if or where rain water would enter the flat.

In the climate of this country, houses require shutters at the windows, and every owner of a flat who wants to take proper care of his flat puts them in. This has to be done at the owner's expense and we strongly advise Mr. Greenberg to do so.

I was unable, after thorough investigation, to find the engineer who spoke with Mr. Greenberg, and it is hard to believe that an employee of our company would give such an answer to a complaint. If Mr. Greenberg can give us the name of the engineer, we will look into the matter.

Yours, etc.,
*S. ZADIK*
*Ass't Manager, Northern District, Amidar.*
Haifa, December 2.

### CHILDREN'S SHOES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your letter of November 13 on children's shoes created the impression that only since the establishment of the Jerusalem Shoe Corp. have proper shoes for children been made in Israel. The Ada Shoe Manufacturing Co. Ltd. has been manufacturing children's shoes in this country in all sizes and in various widths for 17 years. We are proud that medical authorities recommend our shoes and that the "Ada" shoe corresponds to orthopaedic instructions.

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Yours, etc.,
*Dr. EGON BLUMENTHAL*
*Ada Shoe Manufacturing Co. Ltd.*
Tel Aviv, Nov. 17.

### ADVICE TO PEDESTRIANS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Director of the Road Research Laboratory of the United Kingdom writes in a letter to the London "Times" on November 23 that the study of accidents to pedestrians shows that it is about twice as dangerous for a pedestrian to walk with his back to the traffic as it is for him to walk facing the traffic. To minimize the risk, therefore, people should walk on the left-hand side of the road.

Yours etc.,
*M. JAFFEE*
*Hon. Secretary,*
*Automobile Club and Touring Association of Israel*
Tel Aviv, December 4.

### APPRECIATION

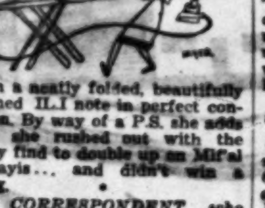
Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to all those people in Israel whom I had the pleasure of meeting. Everyone was most kind to me making my short stay both pleasant and unforgettable.

Yours etc.,
*DAVID STERN*
New Zealand, December 2.

## KEEPING POSTED

WHILE Israel currency may not be hard, it is certainly not perishable. A housewife writes that having received her wash back from the automatic laundry recently, she set to work ironing her husband's khaki trousers and found in them a neatly folded, beautifully washed IL.1 note in perfect condition. By way of a P.S. she adds that she rushed out with the lucky find to double up on Mif'al Hapayis... and didn't win a thing.



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A *CORRESPONDENT who flew in from New York yesterday reported that The Jerusalem Post was circulating more widely than ever in New York last week, where it is sold only five days after publication. The reason: the photo-engravers union was still out on strike at the time, and no newspapers were published in that city for over a week.*

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WE always suspected that Ferd'nand, our daily comic-strip hero, was one of our most popular features. But the sale of the first omnibus edition of the best of Ferd'nand has exceeded all expectations, and a second impression of the book is now coming off our presses. However, we must admit that there have been sections of our readers who have never quite managed to make up their minds as to what Ferd'nand was all about. A few of this group have indeed bought the book, probably in an endeavour to set themselves right about past misunderstandings. At least one of them reacted like the man who came out of a Tel Aviv cinema this week, where he had been to see "The Thief," a film quite without dialogue. The man looked upset by the experience and the usher, noticing him, asked what was the matter? "No sub-titles," he replied.

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T*HE aeroplane has made the word a small place, which may explain why the Research Council last week received an airmail letter addressed to Jerusalem, Palestine, Egypt. Incidentally, the Parliamentary Secretary to the British Ministry of Civil Aviation has declared that if a man were born on a scheduled air-liner and was able to continue flying without landing, he would be 78 years of age before becoming statistically due for a fatal accident. Apart from the fact that there are rarely any other types of accidents with aircraft these days, we wonder if the Secretary for Civil Aviation included in his figures the many thousands of landings and take-offs necessitated in the usual life-span of an aircraft (or a pilot).*

OUR correspondent who flew in from New York brought with him a few *Hanukka* presents, among them a magnificent doll for his niece. The little girl was quite overwhelmed with this latest masterpiece of American ingenuity, an attractive blonde that not only walked, but also said "Mummy." She of course rushed out to show it to her friends, who, a little on the green side of mild envy, pointed out rather scornfully that the doll only spoke English (sic). "What do you expect?" retorted the girl, "she only got here this morning!"

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W*HICH reminds us of a little Israeli who was taken to London recently and sent to school there, where he found the entire establishment preparing weeks ahead to celebrate Christmas. Delighted with all the tales of this new festival, he rushed home to his parents with the query, "What do you think Father Christmas is going to bring me for Hanukka?"*

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